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SENATOR BILL HARDIMAN SWORN-IN AS THE 29TH DISTRICT STATE SENATOR

Lansing, MI- Sworn-in today as Michigan's next state senator from the 29th district Senator Bill Hardiman-R from West Michigan is surrounded by colleagues, families and friends.

"I have served my community for the past 10 years as Mayor of Kentwood where it was a privilege as well as a sacred responsibility. I have balanced budgets and worked with fellow colleagues to establish a consensus to improve our community," Hardiman said. "It is now time that I move forward as a State Senator and I am thankful for the opportunity to further serve the citizens of this great State of Michigan."

In addition to being elected to the State Senate, Hardiman has been exceptionally active in his community. He currently serves on several Grand Rapids civic organizations as well as gaining national attention by creating the Greater Grand Rapids Community Marriage Policy (now Healthy Marriages Grand Rapids), organized to promote strong marriages and family life.

Hardiman was appointed as chairman of the Senate Families & Human Services Policy Committee and will also serve on the Appropriations Committee. With Hardiman's previous experience as Mayor of Kentwood, he is well prepared to serve the citizens of Michigan. "I ran a campaign that was positive, issue-oriented and based on integrity. I plan on bringing those same principles with me as I work in Lansing," Hardiman said.

Senator Hardiman and his wife Clova have been married for twenty-nine years. He was raised and educated in Grand Rapids receiving his undergraduate degree from Grand Valley State University and his master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University. Senator Hardiman has also served our country in the Vietnam War and continues to be very active in his church and other community organizations in West Michigan.

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